



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

District 1 - Vacant
District 3 - Lawrence Ames
District 5 - Daisy Barocio
District 7 - Giavanna Vega
District 9 - Janny Choy
Citywide - Jose Villarreal

Andre Morrow - District 2
Jo Nguyen - District 4
Kelly Snider - District 6
Kent Campbell - District 8
Ken Brennan - District 10

Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

- Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- Annie Wong provided meeting logistics information.
- Commissioner Campbell, Nguyen and Villareal absent.

II. Announcements and Welcoming of Commissioners

- A. Council Liaison, Councilmember Dev Davis (Item was heard after Item III Public Comment)**
- Councilmember Davis welcomed and thanked the commissioners for their work and dedication, and expressed the value they bring to the Councilmembers.
 - Discussed the polling on a Parks Ballot Measure that did not get placed on the ballot for this November.
 - Guadalupe River Trail Rededication event happening on 8/9/2024
 - Beautiful Way Park in District 6 is under construction and is expected to open early December
 - Arena Green Ranger Station is set for removal, will begin in October
- B. Andrea Flores Shelton, Assistant Director, PRNS, made the following announcements:**
- Welcomed and thanked all the commissioners on behalf of the entire PRNS executive team.
 - Announced Assistant Director, PRNS Neil Rufino's retirement at the end of the month and announced that she will be the new Assistant Director for PRNS.
 - Staff transitions for the commission:
 - Thanked Avi Yotam, Deputy Director, PRNS for overseeing the commission for the past 6 years.
 - Announced that she will now be overseeing the commission.

Commissioner Villareal arrived at the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Commissioner Campbell arrived at the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

C. Icebreaker Activity

- Annie Wong, Interim Analyst, PRNS, facilitated an icebreaker activity.

III. Public Comment

(Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any discussion item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Speakers using a translator will be given twice the time allotted to ensure non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Committee, Board or Commission).

- Izzy Engel, commenting on the lack of mixed-use courts, urges commission to look into including more mixed-use space across the City.
- Anne Tong, asked for more mixed-use spaces in parks Citywide.
- Melissa Le, asked for more concrete to be added at Cataldi Park as a mixed-use space.

Item II. A. Council Liaison, Councilmember Dev Davis was heard after Item III Public Comment.

IV. Director's Report

Director:

A. **Andrea Flores Shelton**, Assistant Director, PRNS, reported on the following:

- Due to the ballot measure decision, PRNS will focus on preparing to be on the ballot in 2026. Staff will keep the commission updated in during this process

V. How a Commission Works

A. **Roles and Responsibilities**

Documents Filed: (1) PowerPoint Presentation.

Annie Wong, Interim Analyst, PRNS, presented.

Annie Wong opened the item for public comment:

Public Comments:

- None

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

VI. PRNS Background and Operational Information

Documents Filed: (1) PowerPoint Presentation.

Andrea Flores Shelton, Assistant Director PRNS; Rebekah Ross, Planner IV, PRNS ; Maria De Leon, Deputy Director, PRNS ; Avi Yotam, Deputy Director, PRNS; Lois Vargas, Interim Division Manager, PRNS & Ed Bautista, Public Information Manager presented

Annie Wong opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- None

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

VII. Developing a Workplan: PRNS Executive Staff

Documents Filed: (1) Work Plan Draft

Annie Wong, Interim Analyst, PRNS, facilitated the discussion.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. due to a power outage and will resume on September 4th at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on September 4, 2024.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission